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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT POMPIDOU MEMORIAL
SERVICE

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF CIRCULAR NOTE
SENT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO FRANCE AND RE-

CEIVED BY EMBASSY AT 1730 HOURS LOCAL TIME:
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO FRANCE THAT IN THE
CASE WHERE THE CHIEF OF STATE OF THEIR COUNTRY OR HIS
REPRESENTATIVE (PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER)
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INTENDS TO BE PRESENT ON SATURDAY, 6 APRIL AT 11:00 A.M.

AT THE CEREMONY CELEBRATED IN NOTRE DAME IN MEMORY OF GEORGES POMPIDOU, IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO ALLOW IN THE CHURCH, BECAUSE OF THE VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES, THE CHIEF OF STATE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE, TWO PERSONS ACCOMPANYING HIM, AND THE AMBASSADOR.

2. MISSION TRANSLATION OF ACCOMPANYING NOTE FOLLOWS:
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN FRANCE AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THEM THAT A SOLEMN SERVICE IN MEMORY OF GEORGES POMPIDOU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY APRIL 6, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME OF PARIS. ALL NECESSARY DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. A BOOK OF CONDOLENCES RESERVED FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION WILL BE OPEN AT THE ELYSEE PALACE ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY APRIL 4 AND 5 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. CARS WILL ENTER BY THE AVENUE MARIGNY GATE. A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING WILL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT FRANCE ON SATURDAY APRIL 6 AND THE DAY OF APRIL 4TH WILL BE CONSIDERED A QUOTE DAY OF REFLECTION UNQUOTE. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

3. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY FROM OUR VARIOUS EMBASSY SOURCES IN PARIS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ANTICIPATED PRESENCE AT THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON, AS ALREADY REPORTED, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT FRG PRIME MINISTER BRANDT, USSR PRESIDENT PODGORNYY AND KING BAUDOUIN OF BELGIUM WILL ALSO ATTEND.

4. THE ELYSEE PROTOCOL OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT CUT-AWAY (MORNING COAT) IS THE DESIRED ATTIRE FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.
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